Compensation to 1984 riot victims

*219. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that till date the victims of 1984 riots have not been given compensation and other facilities announced for them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the victims who have not been given their due compensation; and

(c) whether Government have a comprehensive policy to ensure relief for riot victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) In the National Capital Territory of Delhi, death compensation at the rate of Rs. 3.5 lakh has been paid in 2327 cases. Other relief such as compensation for injuries (2603 cases), compensation for uninsured commercial premises (3415 cases), allotment of residential units (2200 cases), etc. have also been given. Only 27 cases are pending in Delhi for grant of enhanced death compensation. These 27 cases are pending for want of confirmation of death/incomplete documentation. Information in respect of the other affected States is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government has issued guidelines to the States for providing relief to riot victims.

Improvement in generation and distribution of power by private parties

*220. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any improvement in generation and distribution of power is noticed in States where it has been entrusted in private hands specially in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the problem of power-cuts has been continuing unabatedly and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps devised to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Since liberalization of the policies in 1991 to encourage greater private sector participation in the power sector, a total capacity of about 7400 MW has been added in the country in private sector.

Private distribution companies have been operating over a period of time in some parts of the country namely Calcutta Electric Supply Company (CESC) in Kolkata, Ahmedabad Electricity Company Ltd. in Ahmedabad, Surat Electricity Company Ltd. in Surat, TATA Power Company, Bombay Suburban Electric Supply Company Ltd. in Mumbai, Noida Power Company in Greater Noida.

With the initiation of reforms process in the country distribution was privatized in the year 1999 in Orissa and in 2002 in Delhi.

In Orissa the availability of power has improved. Energy shortage is on decline. It was 2.3% in 2002-03 and reduced to 1.7% in 2003-04.

As per available information, in Delhi also, energy shortage is on the decline i.e. from 1.9% in 2002-03 to 1.4% during 2003-04. The reliability index has also improved as indicated below:

Area	Reliability Index	
	2002	2004
BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd.	96.98%	98.84%
BSES Yamuna Power Ltd.	96.46%	98.64%
NDPL Area	98.5%	99.64%

Investment by Private companies in System improvement, upgradation and strengthening of distribution network and prompt attention for repairing faults have led to improvement in power supply.